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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Senior Reclamation Specialist *ag*

RE: Site Inspection, Mining Exploration and Development, Roberts Bottom Project,
S/019/036 (UTU-69849), Grand County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 20, 2001
Time of Inspection: 1600 - 1625
Conditions: Partly cloudy
Participants: Wayne Hedberg, Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the condition of this site listed as possibly abandoned

There was no equipment or vehicle present at the mine site at the time of this inspection. There were a large number of cows and calves grazing in the area. Features at the main portion of the site include a gravel pile in the flat area where the cottonwood trees are located, and a large metal pipe serving as a gatepost when the operation was active. Photographs were taken to document the features present in this portion of the site.

Roads into the site showed signs of recent use by motorcycles and 4-wheeled ATV's. From the main area, we walked down the road leading to the riverbank. Down by the Dolores River there is a trench excavation with a nearby pile of soils from the excavation. Photographs were taken showing the size and depth of the trench. The area appears to mainly be used now as a camping area with camp sites down by the river and also back in the Cottonwood trees.

Back in the main area there is also an earthen ramp probably used for off-loading equipment. Railroad ties and metal fence posts are used to contain the earthen fill. There is an excavation in the northern end of this area with a number of earthen piles nearby. The excavation is slumped in on the edges and some natural invasion of vegetation has occurred. The piles near this excavation show signs of frequent ORV use.

In conclusion, there are some minor disturbances remaining at the site that should have been reclaimed; however, there are no significant safety or environmental hazards present. The Division will need to take the next steps to close out the small mine notice for this abandoned site.

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